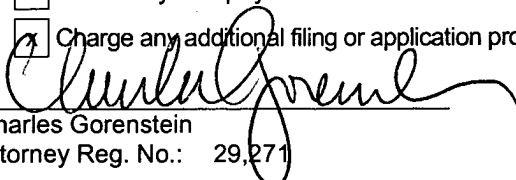




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Sir:

This is a Reply to the final Office Action dated November 17, 2005. This is a request for reconsideration of the claims in this application. The claims have not been amended and are the same claims as set forth in the last Reply.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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